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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I currently have a competitive service for both internet and telephone service. I support broadband competition and have chosed my current carrier for the service it provides with features that the big carrier does not provide, except at increased cost.

My wife and I are retired and on a fixed income and increased costs are tough to meet without giving up something else.

I live in a relatively small community of about 6,500 in an agricultural area with many lower income orchard workers and higher rates with a large company dictating rates will hurt them also.

Thank you for considering these thoughts.

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